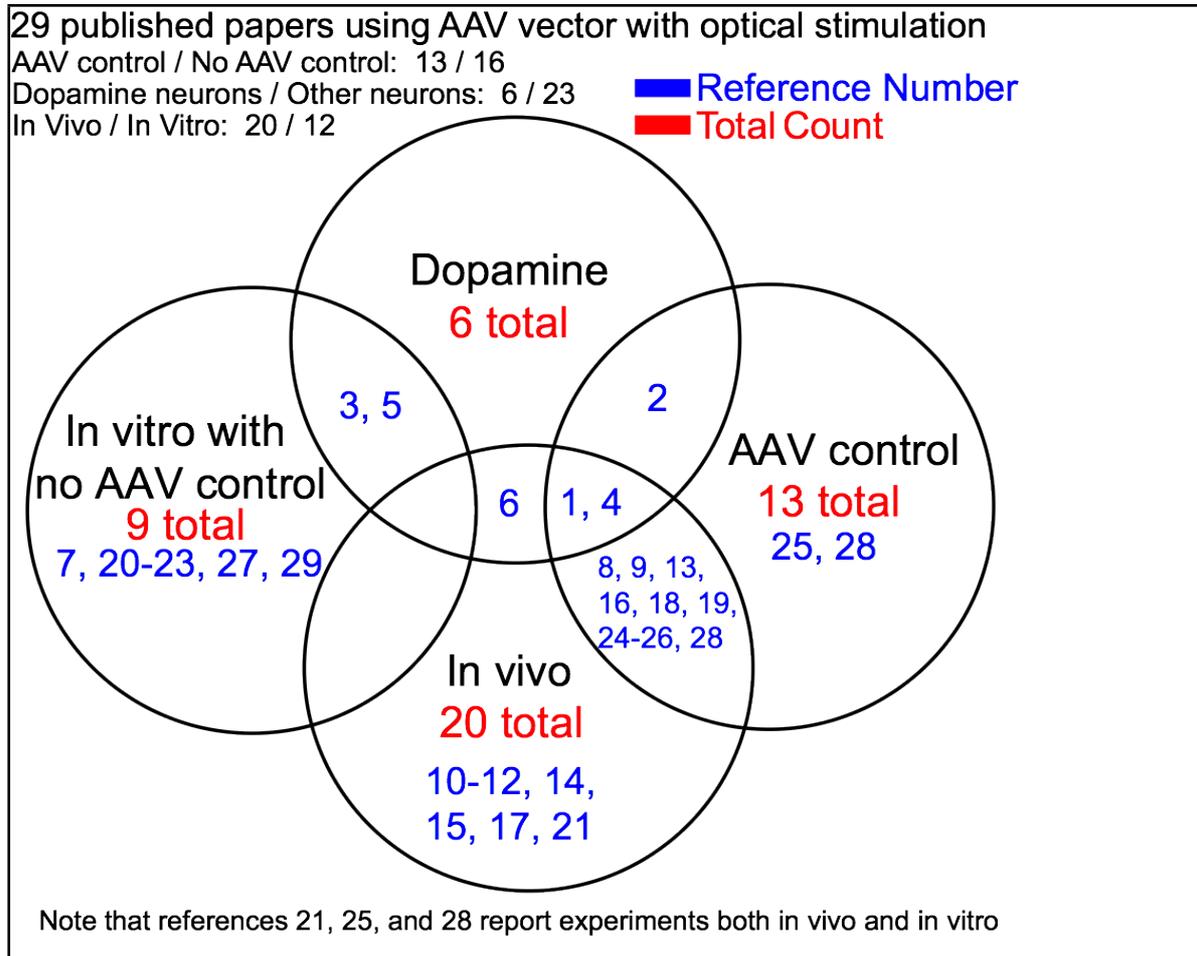


Supporting Information S1

Review of Literature with Respect to AAV Controls in Optogenetic Experiments

In the present work, we controlled for nonspecific effects of light, both in our AAV- group and by demonstrating a strong correlation of behavioral responses with ChR2 expression. We did not control for the possibility that AAV might confer light sensitivity in the absence of ChR2 expression. While this is certainly possible, we consider it extremely unlikely given basic knowledge of photochemistry and membrane excitability. In addition, the technique of optical stimulation in combination with AAV vector is no longer so new. To investigate the available data on this issue, we have reviewed a total of 29 papers that have used AAV for optogenetic experiments, including 6 papers on dopamine neurons. 13 of these 29 papers included AAV control experiments (3 of 6 papers on dopamine neurons). None of the 13 papers found any effect of light in AAV controls. 16 of the 29 papers did not include any AAV controls. We note that most of the papers without AAV controls were published in well respected journals, suggesting that many reviewers were not particularly concerned about the lack of AAV controls.

Below we provide these 29 references. In addition and we have categorized the papers within a Venn diagram, in which we have distinguished papers with AAV control versus no AAV control, papers on dopamine neurons versus other neurons, and in vivo versus in vitro.



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